

**D-02-22-01**

**Date:** February 10, 2022  
**Bulletin:** All Dealers and All Title Services  
**From:** Business Licensing & Compliance  
**RE:** MD ID (Maryland Identification Number)

In December, with the rollout of the final phase of our IT modernization system, we also updated the formatting of the Maryland Driver's License and ID numbers. This replaces the number that traditionally started with the first initial of a customer's last name. The unique identification begins with "MD" and includes 13 characters. Customers receiving a license or ID for the first time in Maryland will now receive a driver's license number/ID with the new "MD ID" format, a randomly generated number that provides enhanced protection of personal information.

Customers that already have a Soundex will get a "MD ID" at their next issuance after December 6, 2021, such as duplicate license transaction, license renewal, etc. "MD ID" is the same number of digits as a Soundex to avoid impact to our partners and will always be cross-referenced back to the Soundex to retain customer history.

For more information, visit <https://mva.maryland.gov/Pages/newMDID.aspx>

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